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Double Mills
Near Royal Oak
Private

Circa 1800

Now large and Late Victorian in appearance, Double Mills began as an early one-story frame house. It had a hall-and-parlor plan with exterior chimneys on the gable ends. In the late nineteenth century the house was raised by two stories, and a two-story wing was added on the west. This wing has a gable roof perpendicular to that of the main house, but a cross gable carries through the line of the original roof. In the second quarter of the twentieth century a balanced composition was achieved through the addition of a wing on the east. At this time the original east chimney was removed. The roof of the east wing, like that on the west, runs perpendicular to the roof of the main house, but instead of a cross gable, an exterior chimney rises along its east elevation. The house, now covered with modern siding, was once entirely sheathed in the decorative rectangular shingles that today are seen on the gables. This property still has an old wharf, originally a landing for steamboats traveling between Baltimore and the Eastern Shore.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Double Mills

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

from Md. Rt. 329 near Royal Oak, south on ^{Hopkins Neck} Peek's Pt. Rd. to Double Mill
CITY, TOWN Rd. follow to end CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— MUSEUM

— COMMERCIAL

☒ PARK

— EDUCATIONAL

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— ENTERTAINMENT

— RELIGIOUS

— GOVERNMENT

— SCIENTIFIC

— INDUSTRIAL

— TRANSPORTATION

— MILITARY

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edward Hulburt

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 5, Box 738

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 386

Folio #: 528

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Double Mills, now late Victorian in appearance, actually began as a c.1800 one story frame house. The original dwelling has an exterior chimney on both the east and west gable ends, and the floor plan was probably hall and parlor. The east chimney was taken down in the second quarter of this century when a wing was added. The other chimney survives, and retains its original fireplace surround with a simple cavetto and astragal molding. This chimney has a second opening, a corner fireplace which opens into the southwest room. There must have been a part of the original house that this fireplace served, but it has been completely replaced.

In the late 19th century, the original house was raised to two full storys, and a two story wing was added to the west. Its gable roof runs north and south, perpendicular to the central roof, as does the roof of the aforementioned east wing. The east wing has an exterior chimney with a fireplace on the first floor. The west wing has a small cross-gable with a 6/6 sash lunette window. All the other gables feature similar windows. The gable surfaces are covered in the same decorative rectangular shingles that once covered the entire house. The main body of the house now has modern siding. The central roof has a cross gable on the north and a dormer on the south, both with lunette windows and shingles.

The two wings extend beyond the central section on the north and the resulting space is filled by a one story porch. On the south side of the house there is a one story bay window to the west and a one story porch to the east.

The present plan consists of a central stair hall with a room on either side in the central portion, a single large room in the east wing, and north and south room in the west wing. The east wing has two windows in each of its three exposed walls, the east main room has an interior door on the south and two windows on the north, the stair hall has north and south exterior doors, the west main room has two windows on each side. The south room in the east wing is lighted by the bay window with its adjacent exterior door and hood, and the north room in the east wing has three windows on the north, a door with stoop on the west, and a re-used 9/6 sash window with quirk-ogee champhered molding on the west. This north room has a cellar, entered from the exterior on the west.

On the second floor the west wing has one window on the north and two windows in each of the south and west sides. The central section has three window across each face, and the east wing has two attached windows on the south and a single window on the north. All the windows, excepting the single 9/6 sash contain 6/6 sash.

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION ✓ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Double Mills is interesting as an example of a vernacular house rebuilt, using only its shell, as a Victorian structure.

The dock used by the present owners was a steamboat landing for vessels traveling to Baltimore.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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The Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Miss Pamela James, or
to whom it may concern:

Re.: Talbot County Historic Sites Survey

As you perhaps know, the five volumes of the Talbot County Historic Sites Survey are now in the Maryland Room of the Talbot County Free Library. I need not tell you how immensely valuable they are, and will continue to be, even after the publication of the Survey.

As present omissions, such as Sherwood (which I believe will be No. T244) are ready, will copies of the descriptions and photographs be sent to us or to the Talbot County Planning and Zoning Commission first?

MRE { In the process of preparing a card index, we have discovered some errors which I hope you will want to know about. For instance, Double Mills, T 332. Mr. Hulburt, the present owner has told us that he personally made the fireplace surrounds; therefore the one referred to in the Survey is not the original. Also, Plainealing Site T 188 is not on Ferry Neck Road, but on Royal Oak-Bellevue Road. Perhaps it is a cavil to comment that the "choir" of Ferry Neck Chapel T 333 was more likely a slave gallery, and later, segregated seating for the Negroes.

As we study these surveys further, should we find additional errors do you want us to call them to your attention? Perhaps errors in numbering will correct themselves in time, but Fairview and Hampden have both been given the number of T 60.

May I make one more comment. In the May-June SWAP, it was announced that Sherwood has been added to the National Register and that it was the home of Matthew Tilghman. As far as researchers here have been able to determine, Matthew Tilghman lived at Rich Neck nearly all his life, from the time he went to live there as a boy until his death. He inherited Rich Neck from the widow of Matthew Tilghman Ward (Margaret) who died in 1747. When Matthew Tilghman died (will proved 26 May 1790) he left to his wife Ann "...my dwelling plantation and the lands whereon the same is seated called Rich Neck and Rich Neck Addition..."

Sincerely,

Mary M. Starin

Mary M. Starin
(Mrs. Arthur N. Starin)
Curator, Maryland Room



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Double W
South

J. Tyler Campbell
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